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REPLY TO  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY JOHN F. KENNEDY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER  
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307-5000

Strategic and Area Studies Department

Executive Registry
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Mr. William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505



Dear Mr. Casey:

During the period March 23 through March 28, 1986, approximately 70 officers associated with the Special Warfare Center's Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Course will be conducting the semiannual Interagency Field Trip in Washington. The FAO Course is designed to provide Foreign Area Officers with the necessary skills to analyze military problems as they are affected by political, economic, and social events in various geographical regions of the world. A brochure about the FAO specialty, a fact sheet about the FAO Course, and a class profile are enclosed for your information.

Preliminary coordination has been made with [redacted] of your staff to arrange a visit on Thursday, March 27, 1986, from 9:00 a.m. to 1200 noon. CPT Kernek, Chief, Operations Division, Strategic and Area Studies Department, will be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have. He can be reached at (919) 396-7509/5608.

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We are grateful for your support of the Center's educational mission and look forward to seeing you during the upcoming visit.

Sincerely,

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## THE FOREIGN AREA OFFICER (FAO) SPECIALTY AND THE FAO COURSE

### Some Background on Army Officer Education and Training

US Army officers are educated and trained throughout their military careers based on their own qualification and desires, and the needs of the service. The program within which this education and training is conducted is called the Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS). Among its provisions is the requirement for officers to become qualified in two separate and distinct functional areas. "Dual Specialization" - as it is called - provides the Army with professionalization and needed flexibility in utilizing its officer manpower over time.

An officer begins his initial specialization (called his INSPEC) at entry, and thereafter periodically receives additional education and training in that specialty for the remainder of his military service. In his seventh year of commissioned service, the officer - having a firm foundation in his INSPEC - begins education and training in an additional specialty (called his ADSPEC). This training will vary, depending on the ADSPEC selected and the needs of the individual officer. But in almost all comparisons, the ADSPEC education and training for the FAO officer is more formalized, extended in time, and demanding than that found in other specialties. Therefore, the FAO ADSPEC selection process is extremely thorough and results in selectees whose prior records strongly suggest that they can fully accomplish all FAO pre-deployment educational requirements and succeed in the unique arena of the FAO soldier-statesman-scholar.

### The FAO Specialty

The Foreign Area officer Specialty produces officers qualified for assignment to positions requiring substantial politico-military awareness, interdisciplinary analytic skills, a language proficiency, and detailed knowledge of a specific foreign area. Foreign Area Officer assignment positions are located throughout the Departments of the Army, Defense and State, elsewhere in the US Government, and with allied or Host Country activities abroad.

Foreign Area Officer Program training includes the following: (1) an advanced degree in area studies or other FAO-related discipline at selected universities in the United States and abroad; (2) the Foreign Area Officer Course at the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center (USAJFKSWC), where interdisciplinary analytic skills are honed and practiced; (3) language training, and (4) 1-to-2 years travel, research and study in the FAOs overseas area of specialization. Only when all four educational phases are accomplished is a FAO qualified for a utilization assignment.

### The FAO Course

Course Description: The 21 week/1-day Foreign Area Officer Course is best understood in terms of education a Foreign Area Officer as opposed

to developing a specific area specialist. The course is designed to provide the FAO with the ability to analyze foreign policy and national security issues as they are affected by political, economic, military, and sociocultural events. A combined military officer and civilian professor faculty conducts all instruction.

The course begins with descriptive presentations on the FAO specialty, followed by detailed instruction in social science research methodology and communications. Next, fundamental building blocks for understanding human interrelationships are developed and then applied at the intranational level in analyzing human behavior, social groups, economics and political systems.

Following this preliminary period, multidisciplinary instruction shifts to the international arena, starting with international economic and international relations theory and followed by US foreign policy and security assistance. At about midway in the course, the class conducts a one-week visit to Washington, DC; students meet the principals of the Armed Forces and other government agencies, members of Congress, selected foreign embassies and representatives of domestic and international business and labor. After the Washington visit the class moves into a study of international law, crisis response management and international terrorism.

The course closes with a three-day International Affairs Symposium which brings together experts from business, government and academia to discuss selected key issues of international significance. The symposia results are published in the semiannual USAJFKSWC Proceedings, a summary and digest of the class's investigative effort for that period.

Throughout the course, area studies seminars are extensively used as workshops for testing the analytical tools acquired during the disciplinary classes. The map attached to this fact sheet shows how the Area Studies seminars subdivide the world arena.

Participation by Dependents in the FAO Course Instruction: Spouses of Foreign Area Officer Course students are welcome to participate in virtually all FAO instruction, but especially the area studies instruction and guest speaker presentations. Spouses also are encouraged to participate in the Washington Interagency Field Trip.

Recommendation for Accreditation: Since 1973, the Commission on Accreditation of Service Experience (CASE) of the American Council on Education has evaluated the FAO Course as equivalent to six semester hours of graduate work or twenty semester hours of upperdivision undergraduate work. A significant number of major universities have provided FAO graduates with such credit as they have pursued further civil schooling.

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**FOREIGN AREA OFFICER PROGRAM/RESERVE COMPONENT (FAOP/RC)**

The FAOP/RC Course is conducted by USAJFKSWC for Reserve Component Officer (ARNGUS or USAR) selected by CG, RCPAC under prerequisites established by AR 135-11. The FAOP/RC Course encompasses two nonresident phases (I and III) and two resident phases (II and IV).

a. Nonresident phases: Phase I requires students to prepare and submit typewritten responses to ten assigned discussion topics based on directed readings and a recommended, selected biography. Phase III requires students to prepare and submit an original research paper (25-30 pages) on a current events topic mutually agreed upon by the student and his/her appointed Area Seminar Director.

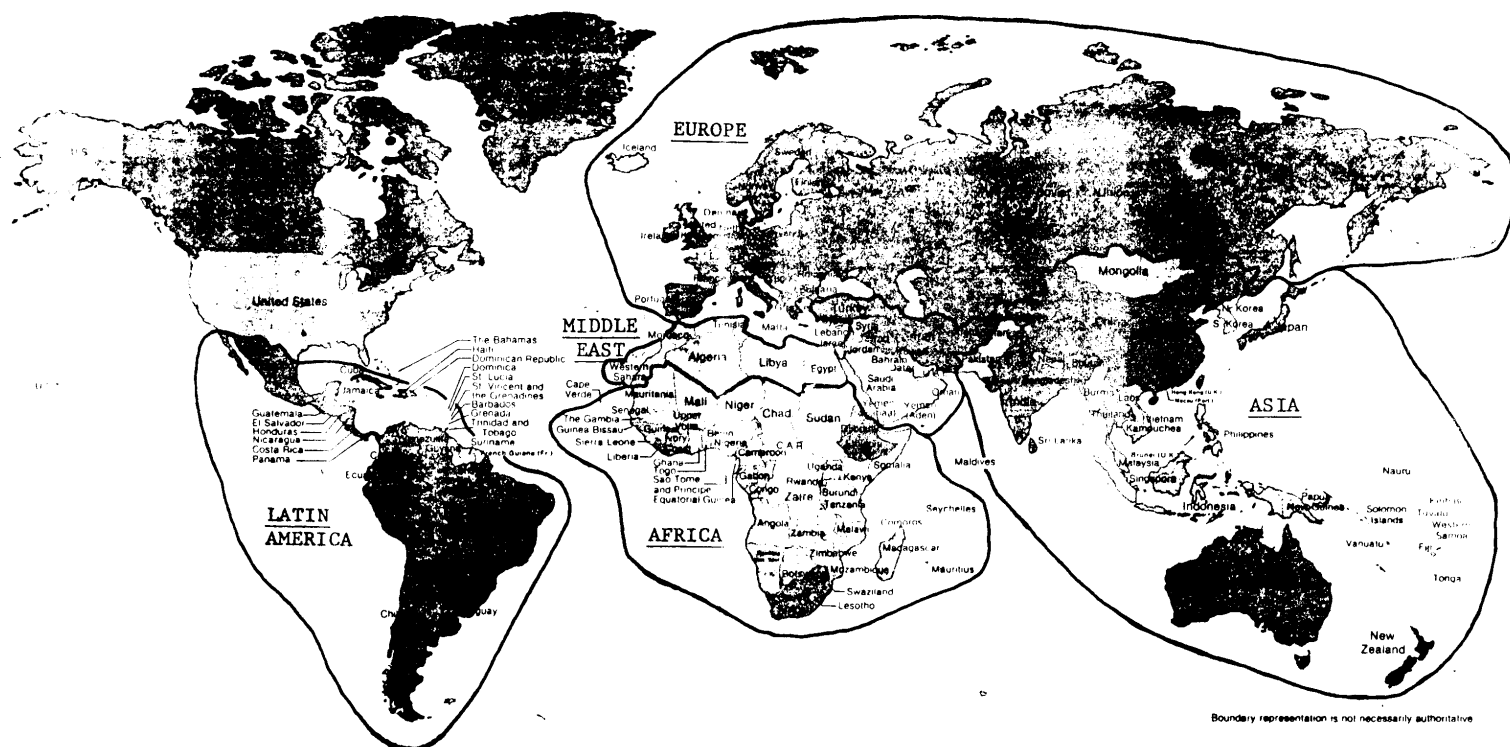
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(2) Phase IV, FAOP/RC, is conducted two times annually once per Regular FAOC during weeks 21 and 22 to allow FAOP/RC members to participate in the International Affairs Symposium and the course graduation exercise. To be eligible for Phase IV attendance, FAOP/RC members must have received completion certificates for Phases I, II and III not later than 30 days prior to the Phase IV report date.

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Past FAO field trips have included a visit to your agency for the spouses of FAO students. Preliminary coordination has been made with [redacted] of your staff to arrange a visit for approximately 40 spouses on Wednesday, March 26, 1986, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. CPT Kernek, Chief, Operations Division, Strategic and Area Studies Department, will be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have. He can be reached at (919) 396-7509/5608.

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